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FLOURISHING EUSTIS

W. S. Moore of Hawthorne, the active and successful agent for acetylene lighting plants, passed through Ocala the other day on his way home from Eustis, where he had been constructing plants, and said in his experience in traveling over Florida he knew of no place that was showing the enterprise and growth that Eustis was. He said there were 75 buildings in course of construction, among them many fine homes and a commodious hotel; their orange groves were a delight to the eye and in a few years the place would be habilitated in all the glory that gave it renown prior to the big freeze. Eustis is one of the loveliest towns in the state, and located on sparkling Lake Eustis, which gives it a charm that is really fascinating.

A. R. Griffin, a genial merchant and up-to-date citizen of Anthony, was in town today and says that the oil fever is rising and marks the danger line, hovering close on to 105 deg. at the pump. The indications are improving in eloquent evidence, and the black sand that is coming up from Mr. Griffin's well, when pressed in the palm of the hands, leaves a streak of oil that is unmistakable. The little matter that settles along the ditch is so decided, and as it runs in the direction of Mr. Griffin's barn the course of that oil pipe line has been changed, for "Grif" says prospective fires might come along and burn up his stable and contents.

The committee on investigation and promoters in oil indications continue their labors and at times the excitement grows so great they interfere with the workmen at the well, and are so intent on watching the output of black mud that the members of the committee for the time forgot to pull their knives and plugs of tobacco and take a chew or chip a few slices for their pipes, or scratch a match on the seat of their overalls to indicate the striking of the clock, neglect their meals and forgot all about discussing or "cussing" Tom Watson's speech as to there being no difference in the views of Roosevelt and Parker on the financial plank of the country, and that the democratic indignation at Roosevelt's social equality views is all bluff. These things being so, you may know that that committee dream of oil and taste it in their vitals. It is needless to add that oily inquiry is flowing in from the outside, and if "Grif" doesn't soon strike a "gusher" there will be a plugged well in Anthony.

The following citizens from the rural districts made the Star appreciated calls this morning: Messrs. E. L. Smith and J. I. Whittington of Flemington; J. M. Luffman, Oak; T. L. Johnson, Summerfield; K. E. Harrelson, Plantville; and Sol Smith of Dallas. Elder brother of C. W. and G. R. Smith. All came in on school business or to attend the Confederate veterans' meeting. Mr. Whittington reports the destruction of his cotton crop by the invasion of the caterpillars, which damaged his crop in one night to the extent of \$100.

Among those we met on the street today from the country were Lee and J. C. Howell and Alonzo and Joe Bas-kin of Anthony, Joe Whisenant and R. C. Ridge of Belleview, Robert McDonald and Lem Graham of Grahamville, George and Frank Turner of Gaiter, J. D. Bassett, Bassettville, C. C. Stevens of Berlin, Kirk Mixson of Flemington, Volney Seckinger of Fellowship, Clarence Priest of Kendrick, Jack Blair of Oklawaha, Jack McCully of Berlin, Road Overseer Turner of Lynne, Joe Davis and A. Wingard of Summerfield, W. W. Jackson of Electric, George Blitch of Maudie, Mr. Eminson of Sparr, and a number of others whom we cannot now recall.

J. F. Williamson, while drilling with the Ocala Rifles at St. Augustine, fell in a dead faint, and had been in the hospital until the boys left for Marinassa, when he was somewhat better.

A PINY-WOODS PARADISE

Healthy People May be Happy and the Sick May Get Well at Orange Springs

A trip to Orange Springs is always of interest. Besides meeting the pleasant people of that section, one is reminded of the splendid society folks in the years that are gone—before the war—that congregated there to pass the hot summer months, drink and bathe in the cool, refreshing and health-giving waters of the springs and commingle in that social spirit that added such lustre to the society of those days when the extensive planters of Orange Lake, and as far south as Ocala, betook themselves to the springs with their retinue of servants and created a society all their own, and none finer or purer where sociability and hospitality reigned in its truest and most ennobling sense. So constant were these summer pilgrimages and numerous the guests who desired accommodations that a large, fine hotel was erected for their convenience near the springs and filled to the limit. Among the names that headed the list were the Hopkines, the Chamberses, Masters, Owensens and Marshalls, who were the pioneer settlers of that section, and made it famous as the home of sea island cotton and sugar cane. But the war came and those ideal days came to an end, as did the big hotel erected for its guests, by burning to the ground.

The health-giving properties of the waters of Orange Springs grew famous in those days for the wonderful cures they effected and their virtues are not less today to those who are ailing if they will but partake of them, but the trouble is the lack of accommodation for those who desire to go there. It is true there are several excellent boarding places, but not as convenient to the springs as desired, and then the rush of pupils to Professor Brinson's summer normal was so great that such accommodations as were to be had were literally flooded with applicants, and the demand was so great that dining rooms were at night turned into bedrooms and outsiders seeking rest could find none, and there has not been a day for months that applicants for accommodation were not turned regretfully down. What Orange Springs needs is a good, plain, comfortable hotel among the ozone pines, under the springs, with plenty of veranda room, and the ordinary comforts of life, and there is no question but what such an investment could be made profitable. We are satisfied if the medicinal virtues of the waters could be made known and the demand shown for such accommodations as referred to, the right man could be found for the investment.

The closing exercises of the normal institute did not materialize, owing to the fact that Professor Brinson was called to Gainesville by the serious illness of his wife a few days prior to Friday last. At first the students thought the exercises, as outlined on their program would be carried out, but at a meeting held Thursday it was decided, out of respect and sympathy for Professor Brinson, the whole proceedings would be called off, which was done, and most of the students departed for their homes. This sudden action, however, gave no time to notify the outside world, and in consequence people for forty miles around came to Orange Springs Friday afternoon and evening. So eager were some of the young people for a meeting, that at 8:30 Friday night a committee called on the editor of the Star and requested him to meet them at the school house at 9 o'clock and talk to them and of course he complied. The school bell at that hour broke the silence of the night, and half an hour later some twenty-five of the young people met, had a "singing," and then a talk from the editor of the Star. If attention is an indication of interest then no one needs a more appreciative audience.

That the visiting young folks who had come so far should not return home without a pleasant recollection of their coming a dance was improvised at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glass Meggs, and under the inspiring strains of the resined bow, skillfully drawn by Mr. Wimberly and Mr. Meggs, a delightful time was had in "tripping the light fantastic." Among those who participated were Messrs. Allen and Joe Hobkirk and the Misses Nora Sherouse and Blanche Ausley of Citra, and Dr. Eaton Lindner and Mr. Gibbons of Anthony, Mr. Joe Nash and sisters of Hawthorne, the Misses Pearl and Merrine Griner of Anthony, Miss Ette Osteen of Wade, W. E. Morrison of Hawthorne, Miss Blanche McRae of Reddick, Miss Cora Baker of McMeekin, Miss E. U. Milligan of Eureka, Ira Beck and brother of Central, and Mr. Brewton, also of Central, Will Marlow of Blitchton and Sidney Johnson, and his charming sister of Johnson. There were others, but now their names fail us.

Notes

Mr. Luther L. Meggs continues to be the mercantile prince of the place, as well as the turpentine million of that neck of the woods. Mr. Glass Meggs is the manager of the mercantile part of the business, and there is not in the county of Marion a man who has the details at his fingers' end and as he has, is more popular and generally liked than Glass Meggs, not one more successful in the management of the business. The stock of goods carried is not seconded by that of any firm in the county. The prices are most at-

tractive, as the firm possesses river rates and sells goods cheaper than do the merchants of Ocala, and people come for miles around to trade with Mr. Meggs and his accommodating clerks.

Mr. Luther L. Meggs is deep in the dipping of the rich flow of gum from the southing pines of the land and not a day of his life, from 4 a. m. to 9 p. m., when he seeks his couch for nature's sweet restorer, has he a moment he can call his own. Well, when one has 100 negroes to look after and 36 head of equines to feed and labor for you, it means "git up and git," and that's how Luther L. Meggs is built, and with the regularity and power of a steam engine under a full head of steam, but in perfect control, he moves over the track of duty and business from early morn till dewy eve. This accounts for the phenomenal success that has strewn his business path.

To epitomize: Fifteen years ago, with a few dollars he embarked in general merchandising at Orange Springs. He was fair and square with all, and his motto, "live and let live," added to his stock in trade until he could discount the future, see plans with money in them, which he put into execution with well directed judgment, and today he is the owner of 37,000 acres of turpentine lands, from which he is extracting the essence of the trees, and is making more money in a day than his richest dreams lined his till in a year a decade and a half ago. Everybody, white and black, likes Luther Meggs. If in trouble they never appeal to him in vain, but, like all the rest of the turpentine men, his experience demonstrates that our labor laws must be amended.

One of the useful men in the employ of Mr. Meggs is Mr. D. H. Mathews, who has the faculty of turning a hand at any job that presents itself. He is an excellent mechanic, and several years ago was drawn to the A. C. L. shops at Wilmington, N. C., but while wages there were good, living was high, and so he returned to the free piney woods of Florida, glad to get back. Mrs. Mathews was a Miss Flora Turney, formerly a teacher in Marion county, and still greatly interested in the progress of our schools. She and her two children left this week for Little River, near Miami, to visit her sister, Mrs. W. L. Colbert, for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Proctor and family, who spent several weeks camping at the springs for their health, returned home last week.

Mrs. Adelaide Farmer is visiting her son, Lucius Farmer, at Augusta, Ga., where he is taking a medicinal course, and incidentally, with fifty other young men, stood a civil service examination, was at the head of the list and is now a postal clerk in that city.

Mr. L. D. Farmer is running a sawmill at Hawthorne.

Mrs. Jackson and her two bright sons of Ocala are now enjoying the waters and bathing at the springs.

The Orange Springs school opened Monday with Miss Ethel Burt as the teacher.

Sunday, Mr. J. C. Marsh of Daisy was married to Miss Lula Priest and Mr. Levin P. Farmer was married to Miss Alma Caruthers at Oxford, and on the same day.

Mr. J. B. Enocks, who has been under the care of a Jacksonville physician for lung trouble, returned home Saturday.

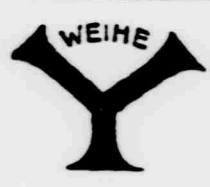
While at Orange Springs we called on Mrs. Flora Mathews and Mrs. J. B. Enocks and her lovely daughter, Miss Alice Collins. We also made the acquaintance of Mr. James Meggs, the father of Luther and Glass Meggs. He is a genuine Mississippian, where he spent twenty-two years of his life, and the past two years with his sons at Orange Springs. While he thinks Florida is a glorious county, when it comes to fertility of soil it is not in it with the alluvial bottoms of Mississippi. He is a splendid gentleman, intelligent and full of interesting reminiscences of the great state that gave him birth and the noble sons who were great in war and peace and the counsels of the nation.

Mr. James Meggs now has the contract of carrying the mail from Orange Springs to Johnson, and Andrew Wade, a South Carolina youth, with the set jaws of a Ben Tillman, draws the lines and cracks the blacksnake whip over the form of "Laz" a mule that has learned all the arts of playing "soldier" to perfection.

The writer returns his sincere thanks for hospitality shown him by Mr. and Mrs. Meggs.

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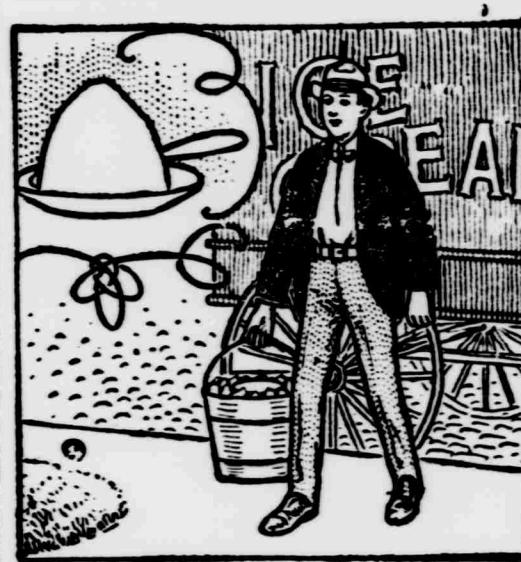
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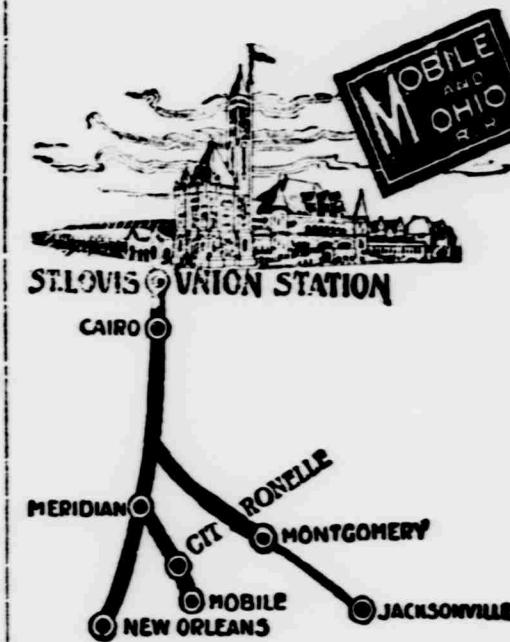
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